



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." Almighty God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word from above. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, with Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the words of life.

ELW Setting 2

St. John's Lutheran Church

Mission Statement: Christ our strength and refuge calling us to serve
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Prelude: “Dearest Jesus, At Your Word”

– J. S. Bach, arr. David N. Johnson

Greetings and Announcements

Many take this opportunity to sign the friendship pad and indicate if they plan to take communion.

Stand

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

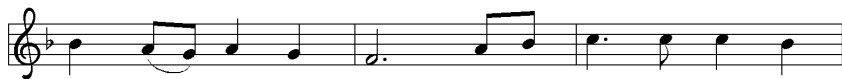
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



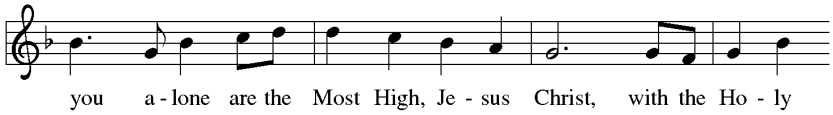
seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



Prayer of the Day

☩ Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

c Amen.

Sit

Special Music: "Give Me Jesus" – Jubilation

First Reading: Genesis 18:1–10a

The Lord visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender

and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

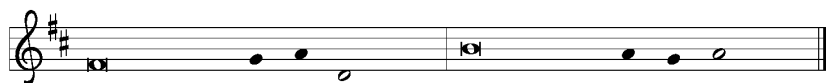
Psalm: Psalm 15

Congregation sings the Refrain after the Cantor sings it and where indicated R. The Congregation also sings the words in bold print.

Psalm Refrain:



Psalm Tone:



LORD, who may dwell in your^l tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your^l holy hill?

**Those who lead a blameless life and do^l what is right,
who speak the truth^l from their heart; R**

they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil^l to their friends;

they do not cast discredit up-^l on a neighbor.

**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those
who^l fear the LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not
take^l back their word.**

They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a-^l gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be^l overthrown. **R**

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:15–28

Sometimes Paul preaches with great attention to theological concepts. Here, however, Paul offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him — provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



c Blessed are those who hold the word fast in an honest ¹ and good heart,* and bear fruit with pa- ¹ tient endurance. Alleluia.

Repeat alleluias

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

c Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 10:38–42

Jesus uses his visit to two sisters as an occasion to remind disciples that an important aspect of obedience is singleminded devotion to Jesus and his word.

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing.

Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

P The gospel of the Lord.

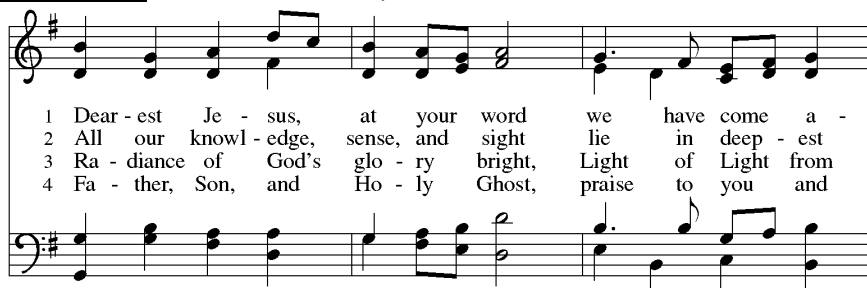
c Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

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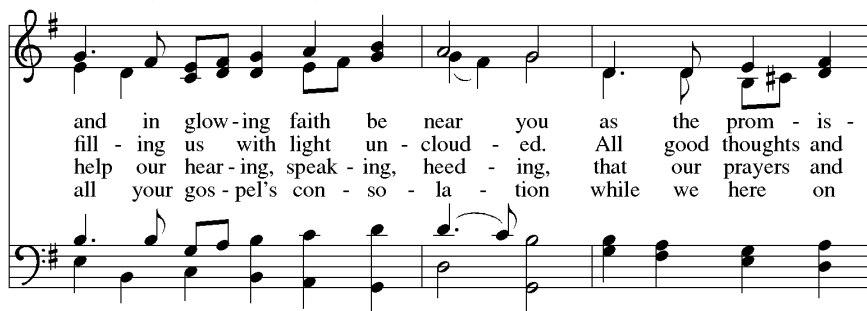
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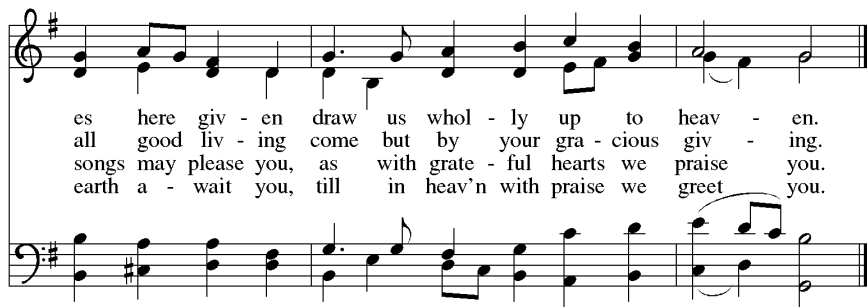
1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:



and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on



es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

P Gathered together as God's people in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence

P God of all ages, gather your church around the rich mysteries you have set before your people. Grant us understanding of your Word, and be revealed to us in the celebration of your sacraments. Send us forth as witnesses of your great mysteries. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Encourage conservation efforts around the world in order that air, soil, and water might be made clean for the sake of future generations. Bring renewal to all creation and to your people as we use the earth's resources. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Give humility and strength to those who approach governments on behalf of those in need. Raise up advocates to speak out for justice in this world, and bless those who strive for peace. Hear us, O God.

c Your mercy is great.

P Be present as a merciful and gracious host to all who are in places away from their homes: those in prisons, hospitals, extended-care facilities, or in hospice care. Give them comfort in unfamiliar surroundings. Hear us, O God.

c Your mercy is great.

P Attend to the needs of all who live in fear, injury, and uncertainty (*especially . . .*). Give them peace by surrounding them with caring helpers who extend fullness of life through their love of God and neighbor. Hear us, O God.

c Your mercy is great.

P As we remember the witness of all the saints, keep us steadfast in faith, so that the reconciliation you have offered through the cross of Christ might fully come to all people. Hear us, O God.

c Your mercy is great.

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

c Amen.

Sharing the Peace

P May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

c And also with you.

Congregation members are invited to greet each other with words of peace.

Sit

Offering

Stand

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Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and suitable for congregational singing. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

☩ Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

c Amen.

Words of Institution

☞ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

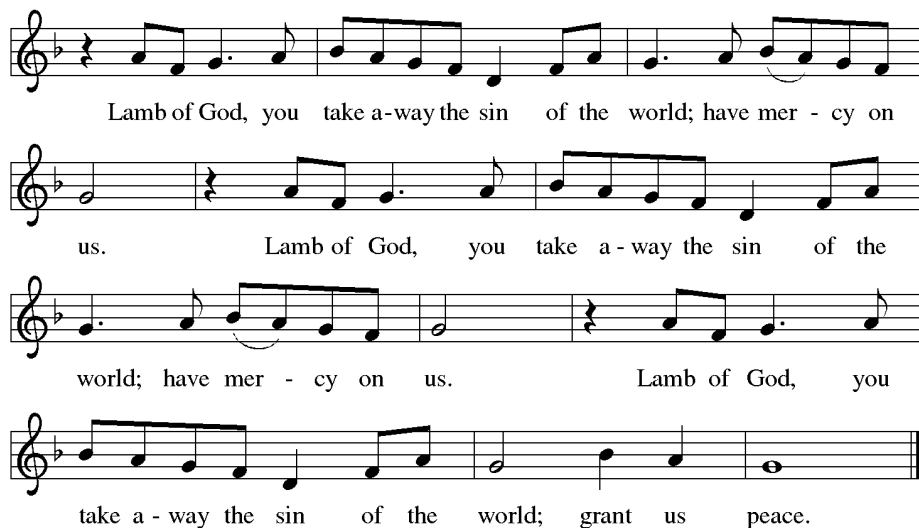
Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

**C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen**

Instructions for distribution by Pastor

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Communion Distribution: - Stations

To our guests: Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table.

You will receive communion while standing. Stand when the ushers direct your row. Approach the altar by the center aisle, hold out your cupped hands, palms up, to receive the wafer (regular or gluten-free). Eat the bread and continue to the next server to take a cup of wine. Drink it and place the used cup in the basket. The center cups on the communion tray contain white grape juice. Return to your pew by the side aisle.

You may indicate on the friendship register that you intend to receive communion or write on a communion card found in the pew rack. Cards may be put in the offering plate or given to an usher.

The pastors would be pleased to serve communion to anyone who prefers to remain seated. Mention your request to a pastor before the service or raise your hand while the pastors serve others from the aisle.

After all have communed, the congregation stands

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

P O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

P Almighty God, Father + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

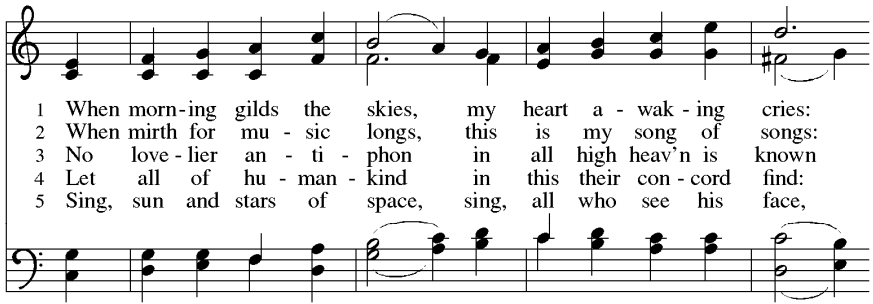
C **Amen**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

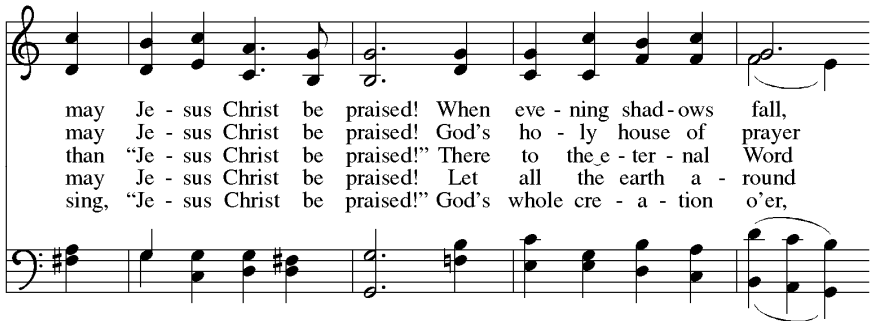
C **Thanks be to God.**

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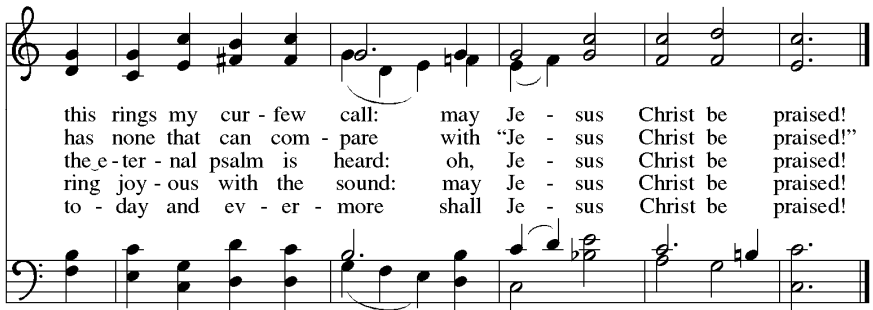
When Morning Gilds the Skies



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
 4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
 5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
 Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

Postlude: "Foundation" – Wilbur Held

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To the guest in our midst: It is good that we can be together this day. You are welcome. There is fellowship in Christ here that unites us in God's love. We would like to know you better. Please introduce yourself to a pastor, sign the guest book, and place a completed guest card in the offering plate.

Those Who Helped with Our Service Today

Ushers – (8:00) Linda Passehl, Kathi Risley, Rob Risley, Terry Slotty, Lucas Johnson, Ethan Harper (9:30) Diane Reich, Wolfgang Reich, Jon Sandeman, Matt Ballweg, Caleb Sisbach

Acolytes – (8:00) Katie Ederer, Tyler Ederer (9:30) Morgan Varley, Renee Ballweg

Cantors – (8:00) Melani Wheeler, Mikayla Wheeler (9:30) Doris Lohr

Readers – (8:00) Carl Sirotzki (9:30) Rodney Key

Greeters – (8:00) Sanctuary Doors, Jared Holl; Front Doors, Greta Koenig; Side Doors, Jake Barzen (9:30) Sanctuary Doors, Miriah Breunig; Front Doors, Lindsey Sauer; Side Doors, Hannah Schutt

Communion Assistants – (8:00) Carl and Jo Sirotzki (9:30) Julie Andrews, Audrey Luetscher

Communion Set Up/Clean Up – (8:00) Jared Holl, Darlene Holl (9:30) Renee Ballweg, Aletha Ballweg

Coffee Set Up/Clean Up – Jason Nelson, Alex Statz, Julia Reinke

Nursery Staff – (8:00) Adam Ballweg, Grant Schlimgen (9:30) Miriah Breunig, Lindsey Sauer

Librarian – Carol Mallon

Assisting Minister – Nicole Nelson

Organist and Director of Music – Connie Burton

Attendance Last Sunday.....(179, 131).....310

Thank You Rev. Laura Nedeau-Owen for leading our services today. We are grateful to all our parishioners who share their gifts with our congregation.

Help Pay the Mortgage We have a visual aid in the gathering area to remind us that we want to raise \$300,000 within a few weeks. We currently have \$34,760 toward that goal.

Pastoral Coverage Please call the church office at 643-2439 during the coming week if you would like to be visited by a pastor in the hospital or at home. We will arrange for you to speak to the area clergy on call. Pastor Sally Williams will return to worship next Sunday, July 25.

Altar Flowers are given by Paul and Sherrie Nurkala in celebration of Lillyann's first birthday today . The flowers by the pulpit are presented by Lee Ann and Michael Goelz in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary.

Fellowship Coffee St. John's congregation sponsors the fair trade Equal Exchange coffee during the fellowship time today.

Sponsorship *If you would like to sponsor the flowers or the coffee, please call the church office to check for vacancies in the schedules.*

Women of the Church Annual Indoor Picnic All women attending St. John's are invited to a potluck picnic in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, July 21 at 6 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy the fun, fellowship and music. After the meal, Marge Erlandson will lead the Bible study, Pray Always. We have extra copies of the Bible study in the church office and will have them available that evening. The picnic will have a patriotic theme so if you wish to wear red, white or blue, this will add to the fun. This is always an enjoyable event and we urge you to attend.

Congratulations! We offer our best wishes to Sally Mitchell and Jeff Williams. They were married at St. John's on Friday. Please keep them and all newly married couples in your prayers as they face the joys and challenges of beginning a new life together.

Cans Against Cancer St. John's continues to collect aluminum cans for Cans Against Cancer. The cans should be securely tied in plastic bags and left on the small stones by the west (parking lot) side of the fellowship hall. A volunteer picks them up, turns them in for cash, and donates the money to the Relay for Life efforts next month.

Cards for Haiti The Erlandson family donated note cards made from Carroll Erlandson's artwork to be sold for \$2.00 and \$3.00 depending on the size. All proceeds will be donated to projects in Haiti. Stop by the gathering area and see the display basket of cards. A collection box for your money is also on the table.

Toys for Haiti We have a Christmas tree in the gathering area as a visual reminder of our need for new toys and decorated shoeboxes for the children in Thiotte, Haiti. A list of suggested items is in the June Visitor. The deadline for this project is early August.

Portals of Prayer Regular and large print copies of the devotional booklet *Portals of Prayer* for July, August and September are in the brochure rack in the gathering area.

St. John's Second Cookbook efforts are underway. The committee is very excited and hopes to collect many recipes from the congregation. We encourage families to share recipes that represent their heritage and diversity as well as the good old family favorites. The recipe submission form is available through the church office, in the gathering area, and on line on St. John's web site. Please submit your recipes to the church office right away. **The deadline for recipes is July 23.** No recipes can be accepted after that date due to publishing deadlines.

Haiti Craft Projects Be sure to stop in the gathering area to look at the display of new craft projects to benefit the children of Haiti. You may take directions to make dresses out of pillowcases, knit or crochet comfort dolls out of scraps of yarn, or sew rag dolls out of ½ yard of cotton fabric. We will collect these items and send them to Haiti as we have transportation.

SERRV Jewelry on Sale All SERRV jewelry in the church office is on sale this month at 25% off. Stop by and make your selections.

With Sincere Sympathy We offer our condolences to Terry and Sue Slotty and their family on the death of Sue's grandmother, Lorena Keller.

Kitchen Helpers/Servers The Fellowship Board is looking for anyone interested in helping in the kitchen or serving at special events. This could be weekdays or Sunday mornings. Call Dianne Effinger at 643-4293 for more information.

Calendar

Sunday, July 18

Worship Service – 8:00 a.m.

Fellowship – 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service – 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 20

WELCA Board – 1:30 p.m.

Visitor Articles Are Due

Wednesday, July 21

Quilters – 9:00 a.m.

Women of St. John's Pot Luck Picnic – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 22

Preschool Movie – 9:00 a.m.

Sauk County Foot Clinic – 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Grade School Movie – 1:30 p.m.

Friday, July 23

Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Leystra's – 6:45 a.m.

Last Day for Recipes for New St. John's Cookbook

Saturday, July 24

Habitat for Humanity Warehouse Open – 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sunday, July 25

Worship – 8:00 a.m.

Fellowship – 9:00 a.m.

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Ochsankehl Shower – Afternoon

Recently Hospitalized/Dismissed: